FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE   formal

• *GIVING CLARIFICATION*

Below are some phrases that can be used to show that you are going to explain your point again in a different way.

- **Let me put it another way.**
- **What I meant was… /   What I mean is…**
- **Look at it this way…**
- **No, my point is that…**
- **The point I'm trying to make is…**
- **Put it this way…**
- **What I'm trying to say is…**
- **In other words…**
- **That's not exactly what I said…**

• *TO ILLUSTRATE A POINT or GIVE EXAMPLES:*

- **Let me give you an example.**
- **For instance…**
- **Let's say that…**
- **Take…**
- **Like…**
- **Just to give you an idea…**

• *DISAGREEING:*

- **That's not really how I see it.**
- **I'm not entirely convinced that you are right about that.**
- **I can't say that I share your views on that.**
- **I can't help thinking that things aren't exactly as you say…**
- **That may be partly true, but…**
- **You might be right up to a point but…**
- **Well, actually / as a matter of fact…**
- **What I (still) don't understand is…**